

... "W, X, Y and Z" are assigned to number 2, number 3, ..., number 9 numeral keys respectively. In the case that "E" is to be entered, the number 3 numeral key is pushed twice, and in the case that "Z" is to be entered, the number 9 numeral key is pushed four times.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 13 and ending on page 13, line 5 as follows:

$\alpha^3$  (Amended) Furthermore, on the character input apparatus 2, the data group (alphabet) 8 of the total of 26 characters comprising A, B, C, ..., X, Y, and Z are formed by printing in the order at the respective predetermined positions 7 on the entire periphery of the operation unit 3 of the box 1 on which the operation unit 3 is provided as shown in FIG. 4A. An angular region  $\alpha$  of  $(360/26)$ , which is a value obtained by equally dividing 360 degrees by 26, is allocated to each alphabet. When the operation body 3a is inclined within a certain angular region  $\alpha$ , the same character is selected as the data. Not all the alphabets 8 may be formed, and some alphabetical characters may be selectively formed as required depending on the display area of the predetermined position 7. Otherwise, the character is formed not on the box 1 side but on the operation body 3a side.

### In the Claims

Please rewrite Claim 1 as follows:

$\alpha^4$  ~~(Amended) 1. A character input apparatus comprising: an operation unit; a support for supporting the operation unit so as to be inclinable; a first detection unit for generating a different signal corresponding to an inclination direction of the operation unit, a second detection unit for generating a signal based on a motion when the operation unit is moved in a direction different from the inclination direction, and a control unit for selecting any data from among N data groups based on detected output from the first detection unit when the operation unit is inclined and for finalizing data selected based on detected output from the second detection unit when the operation unit is operated in the direction different from the inclination direction.~~

Please rewrite Claim 2 as follows:

(Amended) 2. The character input apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the support is provided with two rotational shafts that are rotated when the operation unit is inclined and two rotation detection means for detecting a rotation magnitude of each rotation shaft, the two rotation detection means constitute the first detection unit, and the